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SUBJECT: POLICEMAN CONVICTED FOR BRUTALITY

1. THESSALONIKI PRESS OVER PAST HOLIDAY WEEKEND
CARRIED VARYING ACCOUNTS OF CONVICTION AUGUST 13 BY MISDE-
MEANORS COURT HERE OF FORMER POLICEMAN ANTONIOS
LEPENIOTIS, ON CHARGES OF TORTURE AND BRUTALITY
 BROUGHT BY CONSTANTINOS PYRZAS, AN ENGLISH TEACHER.
DEFENDANT TRIED AND SENTENCED TO TWO
YEARS AND C AWYL #
MONTHS IMPRISONMENT IN ABSENTIA,
DUE HOSPITALIZATION FOR MENTAL DEPRESSION.

2. COMMENT: CASE OF INTEREST BECAUSE IT FIRST
CONVICTION OF KIND SINCE FALL OF JUNTA AND
BECAUSE OF BACKGROUND OF PLAINTIFF. PYRZAS
IS PROMINENT LOCALLY AS GRANDSON OF FAMED MACE-
DONIAN "FREEDOM FIGHTER" AGAINST BULGARIAN SEPARATISTS, AND AS ONE
OF THE "THESSALONIKI SIX", MEMBERS OF THE DIMOKRATIKI AMYNA,
WHO WERE ARRESTED AND IMPRISONED IN 1968 FOR ACTIVITIES DIRECTED
AGAINST THE PAPADOPOULOS REGIME. MOST OF THE SIX,
WHICH INCLUDED WELL-KNOWN THESSALONIANS PAVLOS ZANNAS AND STELIOS
NESTOR, WERE RELEASED FROM PRISON IN 1972.
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